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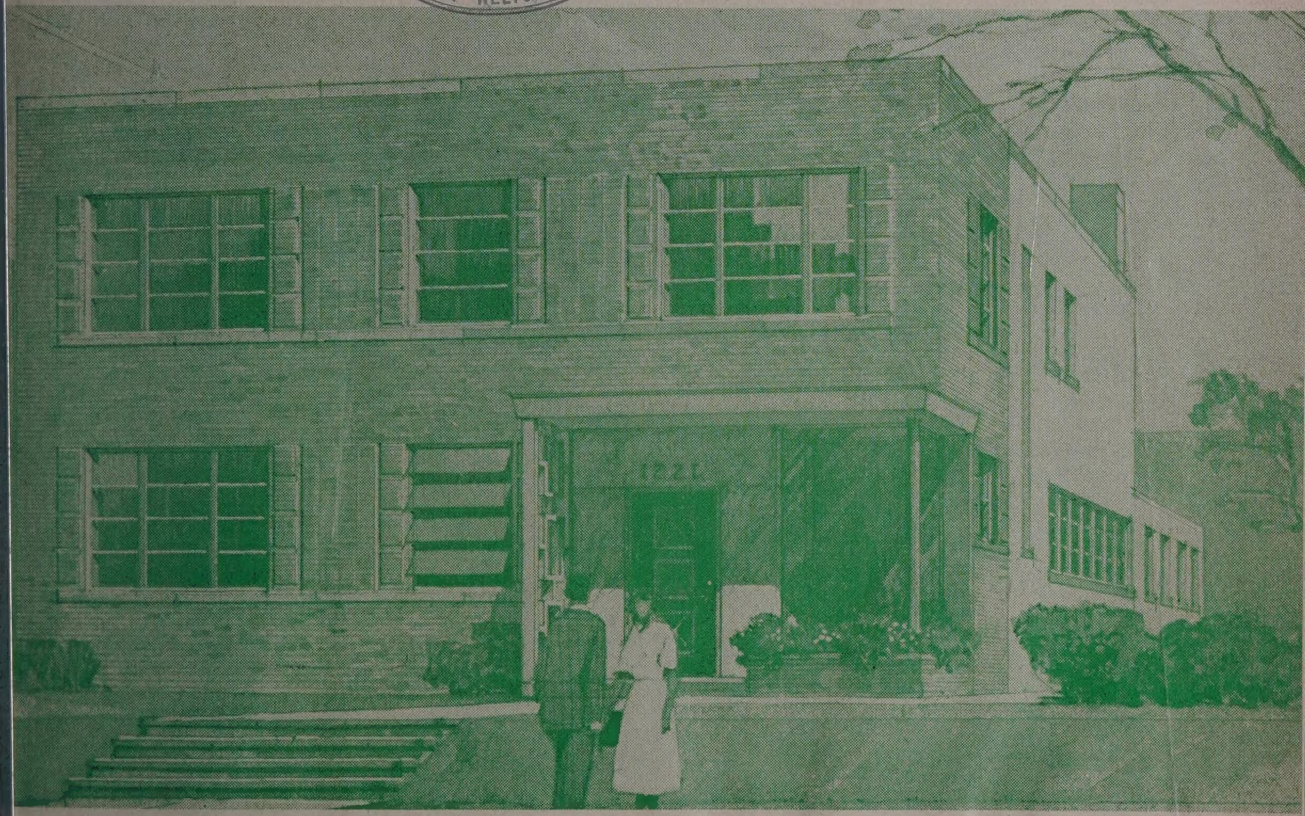

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

A Date For History

Friday, March 13, will be in heavy type in Christian Endeavor's history book.

On that day the building used as headquarters of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society was sold and a contract was signed for the erection of a new modern structure to be the Christian Endeavor Capitol.

Dr. Gene Stone

In a forward looking program after months of study and planning the Executive Committee decided on the sale of 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. This has been the center of Christian Endeavor activities since the move from Boston, Massachusetts, in 1946. A portion of the ground adjoining the building was retained on which the new headquarters will be constructed. It is expected to be completed by September 1.

A United Advance Campaign has been launched by International Society to secure $112,000 for a new endeavor to increase the effectiveness and usefulness of Christian Endeavor. Inspiring and challenging information will be coming your way. It's *forward, march!*

Mobilization A Success

Our sincere thanks go to all Endeavorers and friends who helped to make the 1953 Membership Mobilization a success. This year's effort exceeded that of 1952 by nearly $1,000. Our hat is off to Harold E. Westerhoff, the director, and all those who spearheaded the work in the unions.

Dr. Poling To Visit Korea

Dr. Daniel A. Poling left March 26 for the Far East. He expects to preach to youth in the army and navy in Korea and other places and will visit with chaplains and military leaders.

On his tour of some four or five weeks Dr. Poling anticipates taking part in the World Friendship Crusade of Christian Endeavor by visiting youth in Japan, India, Syria-Lebanon, Germany and England.

Radio and TV Bulletin

"You're On the Air!" is the title of a very instructive bulletin just issued by International Society to help Christian Endeavorers in getting radio and TV programs scheduled and in producing and promoting them. Mrs. Harold S. Faust, leader in the Pennsylvania Union, who is an expert in the field, is the author. There are many tips, ideas and suggested formats for programs. A bulletin may be had for the asking. Write International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Program Guides

Program Guides for Christian Endeavor Societies will be off the press in a few weeks. These will cover the period September, 1953 through August, 1954 on the new theme, "Forward With Christ."

Christina E. MacAskill, former executive secretary of the Massachusetts Union, is the author of the *Guide* for Intermediates and Mrs. Harold S. Faust the writer of the Senior-Young People's edition.

For Your Information

Stanley J. Kersey, president of Delaware Union, is to join the ranks of the married men. He will be married to Catherine Walls May 23.

Rev. George R. Sweet, former field secretary of Indiana Union, now pastor of Normal Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago, will be given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Park College in May.

Ralph R. McQuaid, former field secretary of California Union, is now a representative of Gararden's Church Furnishers in San Francisco.

Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of *Builders,* and *Dr. S. S. Morris,* secretary of Christian Education of the A. M. E. Church, have been elected to the executive committee of the Protestant Committee on Boy Scout. Both are trustees of International Society.

We extend our sympathy to *Rev. J. Wesley Siebert,* Canadian president, whose mother passed away March 5.

To See Coronation

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones of Wilmington, Delaware, leave May 14 for England. They plan to see the Coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth and expect to attend a great music festival June 3 of the London Christian Endeavor Chorus being held in connection with England's coming celebration. Mrs. Jones is vice-president of the International Society and was the recipient of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at the Grand Rapids Convention.

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COVER

Here's the artist's conception of the proposed new headquarters building of Christian Endeavor. Fayne F. Freshwater of Columbus, Ohio, is the architect. Work on the new structure is expected to start the first week of April with completion before September 1.

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Christian Endeavor Opens United Advance Campaign; Plans New Headquarters

Erection of a new headquarters uilding is the first step in a United dvance of Christian Endeavor.

The present "capitol" at 1201 East road Street, Columbus, Ohio, has been old and construction of a new build- ng will begin shortly.

To meet the needs and to respond opportunities the Executive Com- ittee of the International Society has t in motion a campaign for expansion. his takes in the sale of the head- uarters, building of another structure, elping several national units and fi- ancing a program for capital funds nd for undergirding.

March 13 was an historic day for hristian Endeavor. The building hich has been occupied since 1946 as transferred to another owner and contract was signed for erecting a ew modern structure on the plot of round to the east.

tart Construction Soon

Construction is expected to be start- l after Easter. International Society as leased the building at 1201 East road Street and will keep its offices ere until September 1, the date sched- ed for occupancy of the new unit.

A very attractive front is planned r the building which will have the ldress — 1221 East Broad Street. It ill have the very latest in construction atures for efficiency and maintenance.

BUILDING PLANS for Christian Endeavor's new headquarters are reviewed by leaders. Carroll M. Wright, chairman of the special committee on building, points out features to Julian Moran, seated at the left, and Norman Klauder, at the right. Standing (left to right) are Harold E. Westerhoff and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. Allan J. Blair and Joseph H. Jones, members of the committee, were not present when picture was taken.

There will be offices for the staff and other personnel and well equipped rooms for stock, shipping, mimeographing, addessographing, etc. A large conference room is planned together with dining quarters. There will be beautiful landscaping and ample parking space. The structure will be 36 feet wide with the first floor 98 feet in depth and the second floor, 58 feet.

Carroll M. Wright is chairman of the special committee on headquarters property, which has been making studies and planning for nearly a year. Others on this committee include Allan J. Blair, Julian Moran, and Joseph H. Jones.

Fayne F. Freshwater of Columbus, Ohio, is the architect with John J. Burgbacher, also of Columbus, as the general contractor.

Prior to the move to Columbus the headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's C. E. Union were in Boston, Massachusetts.

Seek Fund for Projects

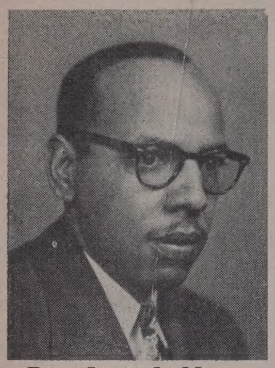
A fund of $112,000 is being sought to implement the United Advance. This will be for the erection of the new building in Columbus, help to the India C. E. Union for construction of a headquarters, aid to Japan for an expansion program and for other projects of the International Society and the World's C. E. Union.

Proceeds from the sale of the headquarters property will go into this fund with the balance being secured through the efforts of a committee of the International Society headed by Allan J. Blair. Mr. Blair is a member of the Executive Committee and was formerly president of the New Jersey C. E. Union.

"1201" TO BECOME "1221"

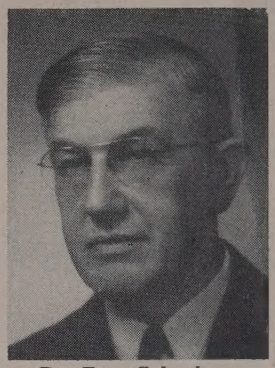
The well known number "1201" for ristian Endeavor Headquarters on ast Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio. to be changed. The building shown the right has been sold and a new ructure for the pioneer youth move- ent will be erected on the plot at e left of the picture. The future ad- ess will be "1221." Christian Endeavor fices will be in the present building til completion of the new one about ptember 1.

CITIZENSHIP CONTEST JUDGES



Rev. Jerry A. Moore

Hon. John C. Miller



Dr. Roy Schreiner

Three outstanding Christian leaders are the judges for the finals in the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Award Contest. Winners will be made known by May 1. Honorable John Miller is one of the youngest men ever to be elected to the Senate of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. He is an active Christian Endeavor leader and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambridge. His home is at Aliquippa. Rev. Mr. Moore, who is pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Dr. Schreiner of Harrisburg, Pa., is editor of "The Church Advocate," official magazine of the Church of God in North America.

We Need Easter

By Ernest R. Bryan

Easter is a season of hope. We need hope. Easter is central to our faith. We need faith. Easter gives us the assurance of life eternal. We need life eternal — starting now.

Easter brings us thoughts of Jesus and his love for us. We need Him and His teachings of love. Easter gives us the meaning of sacrifice. We need to learn the meaning of sacrifice and how to practice it. Easter introduces us to the power that flows from the cross. We need to tap that power.

All of our needs are found in the fact of Easter and the person of the Risen Christ. The early Christians attested to this truth by calling the first day of each week "The Lord's Day." This Resurrection Day, this weekly Easter became the "Christian's Sabbath" but it was and is a first day instead of a seventh. It is a day of rejoicing and worship and special privilage, not a day of legalistic restrictions and narrow observances.

In a sense, we still observe Easter every Sunday because our Sunday would be meaningless without the happenings of the first Easter Sunday. We should not lose sight of that fact as we prepare ourselves for the special yearly observance of this Resurrection Day or Immortality Day. In our Christian calendar it is the day of days. It is the day which combines the beauty of the springtime, the soul's invincible surmise of eternal life, and special opportunities for dedication or rededication to the person and the teachings of one who was the central radiant figure of the original Easter.

Last December I visited the birthplace in Bethlehem and the little village of Bethany which He visited so often and the fortress-like city of Jerusalem—scene of His trials and His triumphs. I climbed the steps of Calvary and put my hand in the hole in the rock where His cross was mounted. Then I visited His tomb which is like a cave hewn out of a large rock. He was not there. Why? Because He arose on that first Easter Sunday to dwell forever in your heart and mine — bless each of our days, to make ea day a holy day, and to give us message of Easter to meet our da needs. "Give us this day our da bread"—the bread of life and ho and faith and love and sacrifice a truth and all our needs. Each day th becomes a doxology. It's Easter!

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

April
16-19—Washington, Spokane
24-26—Southern Region, Augusta, Georg
30-May 3—Oregon, Milton-Freewater
May
1-3—Middle Atlantic Region, Atlantic City, New Jersey
15-17—Indiana, Indianapolis
June
5-7 —Kansas, Blue Mound
9-12—West Virginia, Clarksburg
11-14—Ohio, Westerville
18-21—Michigan, Zeeland
19-21—Texas, Weslaco
22-27—International Convention, Denver Colorado
22-28—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
25-28—California, Fullerton
26-July 3—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)
July
2-5 —New York, Rochester
13-18—Washington (Leadership Conference)
20-25—Virginia, Massanetta Springs
22-26—North Carolina, Blue Ridge
August
10-15—Pennsylvania, Grove City (Summ Assembly)
13-16—Illinois, Lewistown
22-29—Ontario, Geneva Park (Summer School)
30-Sept. 2—Wisconsin

Have the time of your life — go o the Fellowship Tour of Internationa Society to Denver. Write to Trav Department, International Society Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broa Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, for details.

MAKE PLANS

Leaders are shown at the meeting of the Finance Committee of International Society in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5. They are: Seated (left to right)— Carroll M. Wright, Norman Klauder, Mrs. Joseph H. Jones, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, and Harold E. Westerhoff. Standing(left to right) — Merritt L. Smith, Julian Moran, Eduard Baruch (visitor), and Allan J. Blair.

FORT COLLINS CIVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
. . . To Play For Conventioneers

Youth With A Purpose

. . . *Prepare for Convention In Denver*

Christian Endeavor youth are focusing on Denver, Colorado.

Thousands of young people in the United States and Canada are making plans to attend the 42nd International Christian Endeavor convention to be held June 22-27.

Many Christian Endeavor unions are preparing for special transportation to take delegates to the big youth gathering. Auto caravans, bus and special train accommodations are in the plans of the "On to Denver" march.

The registration campaign is on and a close and lively. Wisconsin took honors in Division A for the first report period, which ended February 28. The Badger State union secured 16% of its minimum goal. Pennsylvania was a close second with 15.5% and New York followed with 15.2%.

In Division B North Carolina captured the laurels, having secured 13% of its minimum goal of registrations. Oregon and Washington State unions tied for second place with 6% each.

Many awards for state and local unions, societies, and individuals are being given in the campaign.

Registration for the convention is $3.00 until May 31, after which it will be $4.00. Detailed information may be secured from headquarters at 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Orchestra to Play

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, chairman of the Program Committee, has announced that the Fort Collins Civic Symphony Orchestra will play at the special musical night planned for Tuesday, June 23. The world famous soloists Dorothy Maynor and Todd Duncan will sing on the program which will be held in the famous Red Rocks Amphitheater outside of Denver. Dorothy Maynor, who is the wife of Rev. Shelby Rooks, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, New York City, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the inauguration of President Eisenhower.

Will Schwartz is conductor of the famous Fort Collins Symphony of which Dr. J. Wilson Byers is the president. Dr. Byers is vice-president of International Society of Christian Endeavor in charge of the Rocky Mountain Region.

A great Christian Youth Witness Parade is scheduled for Saturday afternoon in Denver. Announcement of the parade arrangements has been made by William Earle Martin, chairman of the Denver committee.

A big time is scheduled for Juniors. They will have a separate convention of their own on Saturday morning together with a luncheon after which they will join in the parade. Confer-

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PLAYING HOST

Some of the members of the executive committee on arrangements for the convention in Denver are shown at a recent meeting. They are: Seated (left to right)—Virginia Hughes, Hazel Curtis, Gladys Dobbs, Earl Martin, chairman; Vicky Hanson, and Margaret Wood, executive secretary. Standing (left to right)—Melvin Redeker, Dr. William C. Smolenske, Harold Dobbs, Robert Mosher, Oscar Olson, Ralph E. May, Rev. Clark Bower, Joe Roorda, Harold E. Westerhoff, and Otis Sherrill.

Young Adult Workshop...

Read All About It!

By Bert H. Davis

THE newspapers have more readers than when your parents were your age. And since the early 1920's the weekly news magazines, including those which report news in pictures, have been adding their millions to the vast distribution of daily papers.

The Reader's Digest circulated in about sixty countries, offers "an article a day" in eleven or twelve languages and in Braille and on records for the blind. Its total production is now above 17,000,000.

Quite apart from the fiction field, which has many divisions, and the "truth-is-stranger-than-fiction" group, look at a large section of America's magazines sometimes termed "service periodicals." If you haven't reviewed circulation figures, it will surprise you that *Better Homes and Gardens* distributes nearly four million copies a month. The long successful "big three" among women's service monthlies are now in brisk competition with two newer periodicals of the same general type, marketed through grocery chains. The combined circulation of the five best known among women's service magazines (recipes and wardrobe advice, sewing, child care, and some fiction) runs up to about 21,000,000 copies a month.

The WORLD is classified too as a service magazine — and such is the description of most religious periodicals, although most denominations offer a variety of fact-and-fiction weeklies for circulation in church schools.

Growth and progress in the magazines which supplement daily newspapers and in digest-type periodicals and in the service classification seem all to the good. These useful, commonly successful periodicals make it easier for the increasingly literate North American public to *read all about* the world in which they live, their interesting neighbors, and the ways to make life more useful and productive.

The negative side is that greater increases in circulation are chalked up for an unwholesome type of magazines. Practically side by side with displays of worthy literature are magazines devoted to lurid and suggestive fiction and to illustrations which mock at decency. Newsstand proprietors are under constant pressure to carry these unwholesome papers and to increase their circulation, especially among young people.

This too is communication of ideas, but the ideas put in circulation by these travesties on honest journalism can be termed a scourge which threatens the moral health of America.

While law and public opinion behind them can and will come to the rescue, the fact is that knowing, using and understanding the wholesome, useful magazines — including the service magazines — will limit the popularity of and market for the tawdry and unworthy periodicals.

A Young Adult Unit can popularize good magazines. These are some of the ways:

1. Maintain a collection of the best of the present-day magazines in the room you use for meetings. Provide a corner or two where magazines may be read in odd moments. Let copies be drawn out on loan, supplementing the Young Adult library idea described in last month's Workshop.

2. Appoint one person, or a committee, to operate a bulletin board which will list articles in current magazines. The articles may deal with subjects your Unit plans to learn about and discuss in meetings already planned. In some cases, articles will suggest subjects on which, from sources in the church or the community, you may obtain speakers and discussion leaders.

3. Consider establishing a subscription agency for magazines, to be operated by a member, with profits devoted to some phase of the work of your Unit or the church. A number of wholesalers handle magazine subscriptions pay commissions to persons or groups who will obtain subscriptions to be placed through the wholesaler. Some magazines have attractive arrangement for groups which will obtain subscriptions for them. (The "smut" type of magazine is not so marketed; in fact, some of them are denied use of the mails, and so could not accept subscriptions of the usual type.)

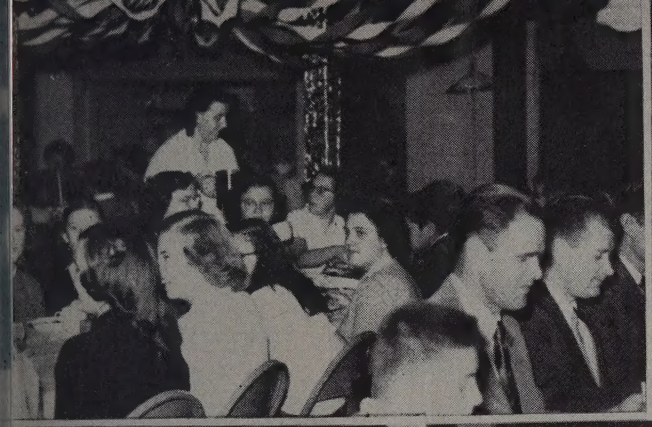
4. Participate in the editorial content of worthy periodicals. The group could designate a member to write specifically to some magazine, commending certain of its contents or its general tone. In some Units, events or incidents may occur which will be worth sharing with magazine readers. An increasing number of good periodicals maintain a department or allot certain space to contributions from the non-professional writer who has a true story of achievement to tell. Religious magazines want news of Young Adult work—and that includes of course your WORLD.

5. Let your readers know of dealers in magazines who refuse to handle the unworthy group of publications. Such dealers deserve support. Chain food stores seem to be setting a high standard for the magazines offered to the families patronizing them.

6. Aid in promoting and circulating religious periodicals, including of course those produced in and for your own denomination. Every Young Adult home should be receiving regularly at least one periodical which reports on and interprets Christian activities and purposes. The Young Adults in your church may be able to promote a policy of providing copies of a denominational paper for every resident family—financed by reserving a part of the current expense pledge, or offered at reduced prices because of the quantities bought, or provided through special gifts or money-raising projects.

7. Help the societies and groups in the church, composed of younger people, to obtain such periodicals as will prove useful to them in their work. Of course we recommend THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD among these!

To "read all about it" you will need books, newspapers, magazines. Never underestimate the value of a well-edited magazine to those who, typical of Young Adults, want to keep in touch with life in 1953!



Christian Endeavorers Celebrate

OREGON (upper left—Along with thousands of other outh groups in the United States and Canada, Columbia Union held a great anniversary banquet at Hermiston.

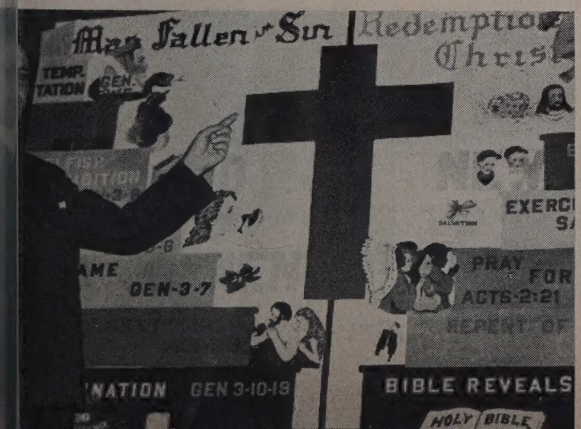
ORTH CAROLINA (upper right)—B. McClain Cochran, vice-president of International Society, acts as toastmast- r at the state banquet in Greensboro. Left to right at he table are William Davis, Mrs. William Davis, Rev. W. Mendenhall, Mr. Cochran, Robert Lee, and Ruth Lee.

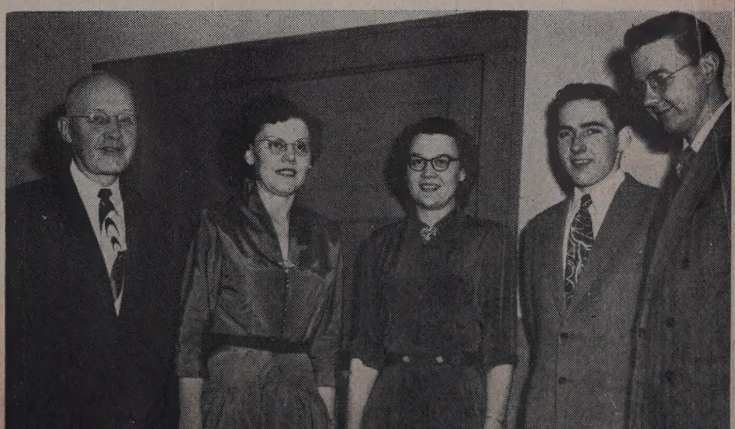
RI-STATE (left center)—General Baptist youth from ndiana, Illinois and Kentucky rally at Princeton, Indiana. eft to right are Rev. William Gibson, Travis Ewing, hyllis Whitten, Ora Johnson, Madge Oberhausen, and ames Atherton.

MARYLAND (right center)—Baltimore City Union staged a successful birthday celebration. Those at speakers' table are (left to right): Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Leonard B. Smith, Phyllis Foos, Rev. Raymond Steinhart, Mrs. Raymond Steinhart, Donald Brooks, Herbert Wilson, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, and Vivian Gay.

MICHIGAN (lower left)—Dr. Robert W. Rash, secretary of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, gives an illustrated talk at the Detroit Union anniversary rally.

ILLINOIS (lower right)—Sangamon County observes Christian Endeavor's birthday with a banquet in Springfield. Leaders shown are (left to right): Rev. K. Y. Plank, Virginia Hayes, Mildred Roat, Lawrence Moore, and Berton Field.





"Here Am I"

(Vocations Day)
Isaiah 6: 8; Matthew 4: 18-22

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This week we observe Vocations Day. Vocations are always of interest to young people, as usually so much of their future life depends on their choices. Such choice can make for either great happiness or lasting unhappiness. This meeting can play a very important part in the life and plans of those present, so it is up to the leader to give his best toward making this a worthwhile meeting. It is the purpose of the writer to change the style of this meeting in order to make it more meaningful by the use of illustrations, decisions, and problems. It is not too early to make advance preparation now for the life vocation, by choosing the proper course, subjects or school. If the leader can aid even one person by starting him on the right road to his vocation he has accomplished a great deal.

The leader and those sharing in the meeting should make a clear cut distinction in the two types of Christian service or the degree of it. The first, of course, is that which is currently known as church vocations. This represents the type of full-time Christian work which is entered into as gainful employment, giving all of one's time to some church-centered work. This would include such fields as the ministry, the mission field, the work of a director of Christian education, field work in Christian Endeavor or denominational activity, full-time evangelism, permanent leadership in Christian character-building organizations, etc.

The second is that which is often loosely referred to as full-time Christian service, which in reality is the making of any chosen vocation Christian, by the way one pursues it. It represents the giving of part-time Christian service, and full-time Christian influence. Examples of this would be giving a positive and distinct Christian emphasis to such fields as: teaching, nursing, specialized lines of business, counselling, journalism, or indeed in many other fields.

A SEED THOUGHT

"God has no hands but our hands to do His work today—."

Aim Of The Topic

1. To get each youth to think seriously of his own vocation.

2. To encourage enlistment for Christian service.

There Have Been Others!

Some have made errors never corrected; some have made decisions late in life; some have planned with God, and found happiness; others have failed to answer the call. Discuss the following examples, and heed their teaching:

Bruce was a Christian and interested in science. He had a fine position in a laboratory with opportunity for advancement. As he gained in scientific knowledge he realized the opportunity that was his in using this knowledge to prove God's word from a scientific point of view. He felt the call for the full-time Christian ministry. What do you think he should do?—(a) continue to learn and later teach this proof? (b) prepare immediately for the ministry? (c) or become a witness in the laboratory?

Mr. S. had studied journalism hard and successfully. He had a good position with a prominent newspaper. God called him to use his talents for Him. How could this ability be used for God? Would you advise him to stay with the newspaper or transfer to a Christian paper or magazine? Or what?

Harold was very devoted to his grandmother, and because of her wishes for him he prepared for the ministry. It was not his choice nor had he had an apparent calling. Upon his grandmother's death he discontinued his studies and became a Christian business man. Was his action justified? What would you do?

John has always been interested in farming. He took up agriculture at an outstanding university. Later he attended a good Bible college. He feels the call to the mission field where he can teach scientific farming and preach but is needed to run the farm at home. What should he do? Why?

Mr. T. was 31 years of age. He had been happily employed in a large city post office. He was called at this age to the ministry but had no high school education. By working hard, going to night school, and much studying, he completed the necessary education and accepted his first pastorate twenty years later. Do you think he did the right thing? Was this really a call of God? What is the cost of such a high decision of faith and courage?

Bob heard the call to full-time Christian work as a young boy and began his college education with the thought, "Here am I, Lord, send me." A couple of years later he fell in love with a girl who did not go along with this plan, so he left college and gave up this call. What is your attitude about this? Do you think he will ever be really happy?

Charles had accepted a pastorate and was doing a fine work. He later left the church and became Treasurer of an outstanding religious organization, greatly aiding its program. Was this a backward or a forward step? Discuss.

Mr. B. is a fine Christian and a good Gospel preacher but has never entered the ministry. He preaches as a layman whenever called upon but is a business man by vocation. What do you think of this example? Should he change his work?

Mr. A. is an outstanding Christian business man in a large city and is noted and loved for his Christian practices. He

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Scripture Lessons

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T., Apr. 28. Ananias Answers Christ's Call. Acts 9:10-1
W., Apr. 29. Paul's Commission. Acts 22:12-1
T., Apr. 30. Weak Ones Called. I Cor. 1:26-2
F., May 1. Chosen to Bear Fruit. John 15:15, 1
S., May 2. Worthy of Our Calling. II Thess. 1:11-1
Sun., May 3. Topic—"Here Am I." Isa. 6:8; Matt. 4:18-22. (Vocations Day

TO PROVOKE THOUGHT

1. What do we mean by a "call" to a special field of service?
2. Is a call merely a desire to do a certain thing?
3. Do you think that a desire to travel or to be looked up to has ever influenced anyone to think he is called to a mission field?
4. Ask your pastor to explain what a call means to him.
5. What about physical handicaps? Can they be overcome?
6. Do you know any examples of people who have overcome tremendous odds to do their chosen work?
7. Do some vocations require greater spirituality than others?
8. Should we be satisfied with any lack of earnestness in our Christian life because we may not feel called to preach or to be a missionary?
9. Do you think a person who is not a real soul winner will ever really be called to be a missionary?
(No! Missionaries tell us that simply crossing the ocean does not work any miracle in us. Just being a preacher is not going to make a better Christian or a better soul winner. We must be those things first before we can really do any special work for the Lord.)

"What Will Be My Life Work?"

Job 34:10-16; II Thessalonians 2:13-17

(Vocations Day)

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Aim

To help Hi-Schoolers get foundations for a choice everyone must make.

To determine to let their lives be witness to Christ in whatever vocation they choose.

To consider the challenges of full-time Christian vocations.

The Leader

During these weeks, the thoughts of a host of young people are upon the future. Many thousands are graduating from junior high and looking forward to their high school years. They are eager for larger participation in the work of the church and in the activities of the Christian Endeavor Society. Their potential as sons and daughters of the living God and companions of Christ is overwhelmingly great and full of promise. The development of the possibilities which these young people have in Christ is the thrilling task of their home and their church. The life of the Christian is a process of growing up in Christ in all things.

Thus the counselor should give much time to make this a vital meeting. This is also the monthly consecration meeting and thus it offers a wonderful chance for discussing Christian service opportunities.

Where to Start

There is no nickel-in-the-slot machine into which you can extract a vocational prescription. Even a well trained vocational counselor, using the latest psychological instruments, cannot "analyze" you perfectly and say that you are "cut out" for this or that occupation.

Choosing a life work is a matter that calls for a lot of hard thinking and careful study. Some young people are fortunate enough to know very early in life just what they want to do. But for most of us choosing a career is a long and difficult process. A wise vocational choice, however, is worth all the time and energy one gives to it.

Although parents, teachers and friends may offer good advice, the final choice of life work is squarely up to you. So important and personal a decision should never be made *for* you. Too many people are unhappy in their work because somebody else decided what they ought to do.

The Christian should begin with the question, "What can I contribute to life, out of what God has given me?" This is the most crucial question. When we have settled this we can then begin to think much more clearly about our job in life. In this case, the job becomes a means by which we are able to accomplish something higher than being an end in itself.

Scripture Readings

M., Apr. 27. Saul Answers Christ's Call. Acts 9:1-9.

T., Apr. 28. Ananias Heeds Christ's Call. Acts 9:10-18.

W., Apr. 29. Paul's Commission. Acts 22:12-16.

T., Apr. 30. Isaiah's Call to Service. Isaiah 6:1-8.

F., May 1. The Task of Bearing Fruit. John 15:15, 16.

S., May 2. Worthy of Our Calling. II Thess. 1:11,12.

Sun., May 3. Topic—"What Will Be My Life Work?" Job 34:10-16; II Thess. 2:13-17. (Vocations Day.)

What Is Christian Work?

John Oliver Nelson defines "Christian" work to which one may be called in this way:

A Christian vocation (calling) is one which

—Does a worthwhile job in society.

—Takes the best you have to offer of skill and of will.

—Requires that human beings be treated as human beings and children of God, all the time.

—Is one in which you can pray about your job on your job.

All life is sacred. The person who serves the lives of men does a sacred work if he but sees in the right light what he does. The artist who paints a picture for the soul; the grocer who supplies wholesome food for the body; the poet who stirs us to see beauty in the common things; the tailor who makes us look pleasing to our friends; the preacher who shows us larger things in life; and all who will, can see their daily toil as a sacrament of God.

Inform Yourself

Someone has said there are 22,000 different kinds of work from which our job is to be chosen. To be a success it must be that for which we are best fitted. The young person should, by all means, inform himself on these many vocations and then eliminate those of little interest to him. His whole personality will be affected by his chosen work; therefore, it should be chosen with real concern for himself, as well as for others. During this time he should be seeking help of counselors and making use of opportunities to learn more about the work that interests him the most. Then he should decide whether he can enter into that field of labor with a clear conscience, and whether it will bring happiness and a sense of well-being to his own soul, as well as to the souls of those he meets in life.

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Some Tests to Know

1. *There is the test of talent.* God has given each person some talents and abilities. These talents in themselves are an indication of what God intended we should do. God does not bury talent any more than he wants us to bury it. He expects to use it and the measure of your talent is the measure of your responsibility and your calling.

2. *A recognition of a need.* God calls through the needs around us. When we begin to see a real need, a need which we in some strange and wonderful way can meet, that is a good indication that God wants us to go to work to meet that need.

3. *Open doors.* In the absence of clearer leadings one may be quite sure that the "open door" or the "closed door" is a safe indication of God's will. It is more than merely "co-operating with the inevitable." God actually leads this way many times. In other words, do that which is at your hand to do. Follow the "flight plans" of opportunity. God's will will not be far removed.

4. *Be wise and "on call."* It may be that God wants you to use the wisdom and judgment he has given you. Choose the best you know, find a place where you can make the best contribution to mankind and God, serve in the widest possible field of service, support your dependents and the cause of God as best you can. Keep a warm heart and ever be "on call" for the specific tasks God would have you do.

Audio-Visual Aids

Film—"Job for Bob" (30-minute.) The story of how Bob Brown found a vocation in which he could be a Christian in the best sense.

Film—"Finding the Right Job" (10-minute.) Phil muffs his first interview for a job but learns how to put his best foot forward. (Rental: $2 for black and white; $4 for color.)

Film—"You and Your Work" (10-minute.) Rental: $2.

Film—"Crossroads" (35-minute.) Interprets the many-sided work of the ministry. (Rental: $10.)

Filmstrip with recording—"Job for Jimmy Cooper" (16-minute.) Cartoon-drawing film-strip showing how Jimmy Cooper got a job and learned to tithe. (Rental: $2.50 plus postage.)

Write to denominational bookstores for films.

Let's Do Things Together!

(Christian Home Sunday)

Colossians 3: 12-17; I Timothy 6: 6

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
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Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

For this topic observing Christian Home Sunday it would be nice to publicize it in advance and invite all the parents to attend. Make this a meeting where young people and parents can sit together, all having the common thought of "Let's Do Things Together." It's easier to talk about such matters when everybody is doing it. At a social or previous Sunday meeting each one could make an attractive invitation for his own parents, explaining the purpose of this meeting. These could be either mailed by the counsellor or delivered by the individuals to their homes. To set the mood or to begin the discussion, a film strip pertaining to the family could be shown. A few possible ones are: "The Christian Family," "Is Your Home Fun?," or "Happy Times At Home." There are others. These can usually be rented or bought from the nearest office of a council of churches or from a denominational publishing house.

Aim of the Topic

1. To present new ideas as to how the family can do things together.

2. To knit families more closely together in Christian fellowship.

Play Together

"The family that plays together, stays together." Anyone that has ever played together with his family can chalk it up as being one of the best times he has ever had. "Playing" can involve a number of different things; an evening, a day, a weekend, or a vacation period. Planning these play-times together can be almost as much fun as the playing. Families that really enjoy each other have certain times that they share together. Try to set aside a certain evening a week or a certain portion of the day to have an organized play period. Wouldn't it be fun having a TV evening, a game night, a movie night, a musical evening of records, talent night, book night. handiwork time, etc.?

Another way to become more closely knit is to plan daytime activities. Some interesting possibilities are picnics, hikes, bicycling, swimming, skating, joy riding, trips to art galleries, museums, zoos, and others. Take sufficient time to plan these events, as half the fun is looking forward to it.

Work Together

Work can be fun if done with people you love. Many of the household tasks and duties are real chores if done alone.

Even gardening, which is often considered hard work, can be enjoyed, if the family works together. A child can have his own small plot to care for or can be taught to place the seeds, cover them, or do some small job that will have him working with the rest, doing his part. Certain days or hours can be set aside for weeding, harvesting, etc. Do it together!

Does Dad sometimes spend a day or two down in the cellar cleaning, after properly dreading it for weeks? Why doesn't everyone help? What fun a family can have as they don their oldest clothes, put on kerchiefs or old caps, and dig in!

How much mother would appreciate the whole family pitching in to clean house. Then everyone could be proud of an attractive, clean home. Strong arms, small fingers, eager feet, and alert minds are all valuable when it comes to getting at high places, cleaning rugs, getting into corners, running errands, re-arranging rooms, and the many other tasks involved.

Many jobs can be done this way. There is cleaning the yard, raking leaves, polishing the car, painting, making a recreation spot or picnic grounds, washing windows, etc.

Worship Together

It is heart breaking to see families divided in their worship, where there is the problem of differing faiths, with the children being pulled to this side or that. In some ways it is even more pitiful to see Protestant families disagree over denominations. For example, mother goes to the Methodist Church at the other end of town; father goes to the Baptist Church where he was brought up; and the children go to the Congregational Church on the corner because it's within walking distance and neither parent wants to take them from the other. Isn't this a sad story? Christian families should forget their small differences and find unity in Christ at one house of worship. The family pew is a sacred spot to the Christian. Some families can proudly recall all of them getting rea every Sunday and going together to Su day school, church, or the evening servic Families that do not share this religio experience together are missing a gre wealth.

Even such a matter as grace at mealtin is a small but important part of fami worship. It can be shared as the membe take turns leading in prayer.

Nearly as important as church worsh together is the observance of the fami altar. This can be practiced in a numb of different ways and be most meaningf Sometimes the mother or father leads a sometimes the children share. The fami altar and family devotions are one ar the same. It all depends on the schedu and activities of each family as to the be time. Mealtime or the children's bedtin are probably the best possibilities. The are a number of devotional books ma available by denominational houses, other sources. God's Word, silent spoken prayer, and possibly discussion a all that are necessary to make one reali that Christ is the true Head of the hom Begin this practice now and discover great blessing. By all means do not sta your own home without establishing th important essential. Make that decisio now for your "Home of Tomorrow."

Daily Readings

M., May 4. Mutual Helpfulness. I Peter 5:5-7.
T., May 5. Value of Teamwork. I Cor. 3:3-9.
W., May 6. All to God's Glory. I Cor. 10:31-33.
T., May 7. Household Admonitions. Col. 3:17-24.
F., May 8. Right Relationships Eph. 6:1-4.
S., May 9. A Devout Household. II Tim. 1:3-7.
Sun., May 10. Topic—Let's Do Things Together! Col. 3:12-17 I Tim. 6:6. (Christian Home Sunday.)

DISCUSS TOGETHER

1. Do you agree that families should "get together" more?

2. Add ways in which families can (A) play together, (B) work together, and (C) worship together.

3. Give an example of how your family is close because of something you do together.

4. Would you rather do things with or without your family? Why?

5. What new ideas do you now have for doing things together?

6. Will you attempt to put any of them to use?

7. Is your family as close as you'd like it to be in Christian fellowship?

8. What can you do to improve this?

9. Do you do all you can to have "togetherness" in your family or are you making it impossible by your own attitude?

10. When you establish your home what things along this line of "Let's Do Things Together" will be "musts"?

A SEED THOUGHT

"—Godliness with contentment is great gain." (I Timothy 6:6) Look up and discuss.

Christian Homes Should Be Happy Homes

Proverbs 31:10-15, 25-31; II Timothy 1:5-8
(Christian Home Sunday)

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ir Aim

1. To determine what makes a happy me.
2. To see how we can cooperate bet- with our parents.
3. To sense how the home is happy nen God is there.

Mother's Day — Family Week

We will all agree with the fellow who s that every day in the year should be ther's Day, but if we are honest we will mit that it doesn't work out that way. least our mothers wouldn't think so! is good that there is a special week of year when we are reminded that it is ie to do some serious thinking about our mes.

This is one meeting of the Christian En- avor when our parents will be special ests. Plan some special invitations to sent by mail or delivered in person. aking small corsages for visiting mothers ould be a nice idea.

This will be a chance for our parents sit back and listen while we present a ogram dedicated to them. But they will so have a chance to speak for themselves. here will be a questionnaire about junior ghs at home which will be filled out by e junior highs and by their mothers, too. should be interesting to see how well ey agree!

There will be a discussion on ways in hich we can help to make our homes more autiful and maybe a chance to get started some special project for our own homes. here will also be a chance to discuss ways which we can prove in our everyday ving that families are fun.

What Makes a Happy Home?

1. **The Presence of Christ.** The first equisite for a happy home is that it be uilt on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. hrist must have first place. Youth has better friend, who Himself knew the roblems of young manhood and "was empted like as we are." The familiar otto found displayed in some homes might ell become the motto in every home . . .

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE,
THE UNSEEN GUEST AT EVERY MEAL,
THE SILENT LISTENER TO EVERY CONVERSATION.

2. **Loyalty to the Church.** "Church-go- ng Families are Happier Families." This logan appears on a prominent sign board front of one of our churches along a uch-traveled Eastern highway. It con- ains a truth that has been verified by ountless numbers of people. Church oyalty in worship and activity has its holesome effect on home life. It helps o give home its character. The feelings nd influences which become associated with hose sitting together regularly in the family pew abide through the years. It helps to hold marriage and family life steady.

3. **The Bible is Used.** Happy is the family where the Bible has a prominent place in the life of the family. It must not only be conspicuously displayed but conscientiously read. It is the best seller because it is the best guidebook for living. The Bible makes a big difference whenever it is used, and its influence is most vital when it receives family use.

No home is complete with neglected prayer. Each member of the family should commune daily with his God in his own private way. No Christian worthy of the name would fail to offer grace at mealtime. He will have other stated times for prayer.

4. **Right Companions Brought into the Home.** Carousing does not equip one to enjoy a happy family life with the one whom you promised to love until death parts you. Tares sown in your life by evil companions will bring a rift into your present and future home life. Choose the best folks for your associates and the best places in which to spend your leisure.

5. **Good Reading Materials.** The type of reading that a person does is important. Church periodicals, religious magazines, and books help to build successful homes. There is such a variety of publications available today that choice must be exercised and only the best selected. To read trashy material helps to destroy the very thing that is most desired.

JUNIOR HIGHS AT HOME

Give each Junior High and each mother a copy to answer together:

1. Estimate the number of hours mother spends each week in: cooking ———; washing dishes ———; cleaning house ———; laundry ———; marketing.

2. Does the rest of the family give enough help in these duties?———

3. Do you help: by keeping room clean———? making your own bed———? picking up clothes ———?

4. What special chore would help mother most? ———

5. Do you keep a cheerful attitude in doing home chores? ———

6. What would you like mother to do to help you do home and school and church duties easier? ———

7. What would mother like you to do in school and church work?———

8. What habits do you have that mother disapproves of? ———

9. What do you like best in mother's and dad's character? ———

10. How could dad and mother help the youth work of our church?

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S., May 9. Righteousness Brings Family Joy. Prov. 23:22-26.
Sun., May 10. Topic—Christian Homes Should Be Happy Homes. Prov. 31:10-15, 25-31; II Tim. 1:5-8. (Christian Home Sunday.)

Biblical Bases

Read II Timothy 3:12-17. Give some evidences that Timothy's home was in close touch with the church.

Read John 12:1-9. What made Jesus feel at home in the Bethany home?

Read Luke 15:11-32. Was this a happy home? What made it so?

Family Councils

This fascinating "true story" in *Christian Herald* by Mercedes J. Steward called "Family Night at Our House," is as refreshing as the "pause that refreshes," as new as tomorrow yet as old as the family itself.

"Whenever a member of our family of seven has something on his chest—whether it be a problem, a plan or a peeve—the response invariably comes: 'Save it for Family Night!' Family Night has become an important institution in our household."

Mrs. Stewart relates the story of the incident that sparked the idea; the establishment of Family Night!; the program; the "family solidarity, a sense of oneness, an aura of togetherness"; the results.

Each Family Night has its appointed leader—after the dinner table is cleared, candles are lighted—there is an opening prayer, not written, but thought out and phrased by the leader—the Lord's Prayer in unison—the "Court of Grievance"—compliments—planning for vacation-time and other activities—the return to an inspirational tone through the reading of poetry, or a story or a passage from the Bible—the "Stewart Family Robinson" by the husband and father—the Mizpah benediction—refreshments.

Fun with the Blackboard

What I like best about my home.
What I like least about my home.
What causes the most trouble (tensions) in my home?
What does my mother (father) do that bothers me most?
What could I do to brighten our home?

Projects

1. Stage a "family" having family devotions.
2. Ask a happily married young couple to explain the source of their happiness.
3. Interview a number of persons whom you regard very highly, seeking to discover the type of home life before and after their marriage.
4. Work out a program for the dedication of a home.
5. Books on the subject could be displayed on a table for examination.

"Some Were Astonished"

First Topic in a Series on "Jesus Among The People"
Mark 1: 21, 22; John 3: 5-12

Comments by Earle W. Gates

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The topic today is the beginning one of a very interesting series entitled "Jesus Among The People." This topic, "Some Were Astonished," reflects the attitude of many people toward Jesus. During these three weeks there will be fine opportunity to study God's Word. These are distinctly Bible study topics. Have Bibles brought to meeting or hand out copies on arrival. Perhaps the leader could have pertinent readings passed out in advance that the young people may have some background.

This would be a good time to have one person appointed to lead all the three meetings with a different assistant for each night. This will give a better continuity and yet will spread the leadership. Strive to create in the members a greater interest in the Bible. Especially at this time try to help them to a greater appreciation of Jesus and His Message. People are eager to know more of God's Word but are woefully ignorant of it. A great service can be rendered in causing young people to read it more and understand it better. So the leader of these meetings and his assistants can greatly help in the Christian living of the society members. Jesus is still among the people and will continue to work His miracles.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To note the reaction of people to the teaching of Jesus.

2. To learn how to better live through Him.

The Scriptures Teach

The Holy Scriptures are more than dry history. While they do present a wonderful account of man's past experience, they also bring messages of adventure, poetry, prophecy of things to come, and lessons on how to live successfully. They reveal God to man and they try to reveal man to himself. God's Book has been given for the daily and necessary use of His children. Particularly does the New Testament bring lessons for life. Herein Jesus brings us His philosophy and His pattern for worthwhile living.

The message of Jesus Christ was a revolutionary one in His day. Freely it was stated, "Never man spake as this man." Again and again it was said, "He spake as one having authority." He indeed brought lessons that men had never heard before, even religious men. His righteousness exceeded that of the Pharisees and religious leaders—and He called upon His followers to reproduce His life in theirs. All His teachings have current significance for us today.

In this topic and in those for the next two weeks, we would seek to know how the people of Jesus' day reacted to His work and words. Some were shocked or amazed. Others promptly accepted His message and began to apply parts of it to their lives. Still others were ready to give a complete dedication of their lives to Him and His purposes. The Christian Church today contains similar groupings and this must ever be remembered as we strive to reach new lives for Christ. His message is often misunderstood or even resented. Men are innately selfish and Christ's way of life is confusing to many.

Why is it so hard for many people to become Christian?

A SEED THOUGHT

"One of the astonishing parts of Christ's teaching is its simplicity." Discuss the meaning.

The Saviour Exemplifies

Although some of the teachings of the Master were new,—and difficult—, He made it easy to follow because He Himself exemplified them. He first lived a lesson, then taught it. We can always follow one who is willing to lead the way.

But "some were astonished" at His teaching. Is Christianity so strange, so perplexing, so incomprehensible? It is a practical, proven way for men to live. Yet to many, even now, the Christian way seems a denial of personal liberties and of practical methods. Many of the Saviour's teachings present difficult decisions but He has shown the way. How and why should one turn the other cheek, love one's enemies, place one's money or possessions in a minor position, consider eternal life as more satisfying than today's pleasures? These are human questions, indeed. Jesus insisted that the faith He called for provided the answer. Yet He reminded that this way of faith was hard, even perilous. He never promised those who came after Him that the way was easy but only that the reward was great and worthwhile. This, too, causes astonishment. Why do you think the teachings of Jesus cause such surprise and resistance?

The People Respond

" 'My ways are not your ways;' saith the Lord." But the wise have found that God's ways can *become* our ways if we desir it. Differing with the traditions and th practices of His day, Jesus proposed tha His people live by principles rather tha strict rules for religious observances. H urged the observance of the spirit of th law as much as the letter of the law. An people responded, the world was changec

Today He calls for the same sincerit of purpose, the same consecration of lif This is today a new departure in Christian ity for many. It is highly important tha the believer in Christ follow even th astonishing way. This is part of a greate process in helping the believer make clean break with ordinary living, in orde that the triumphant life in Christ may b attained. A firm decision must be mac for a God-directed life. Only with H help can this be possible. His help available to all who will have it. Thos hearing Christ's call and His terms ofte are astonished at first, but those who re main true are fully justified in their dec sion. They are greatly blessed and the become a blessing. The true Christian lif is a continuous succession of choosing th higher things and dropping the lesse Christ calls but every person must decid for himself. What hinders one from fo lowing Him?

Devotional Readings

M., May 11. His Family Amazed. Luke 2:41-5
T., May 12. Those in Home Town Astonished. Matt. 13:53-5
W., May 13. Astonished at His Doctrine. Mark 10:23-2
T., May 14. Astonished at His Healing Power. Matt. 15:29-3
F., May 15. Astonished at His Answers. Matt. 22:23-3
S., May 16. Even the Wind and Sea Obey Him. Mark 4:35-4
Sun., May 17. Topic—"Some Were Astonished." Mark 1:21,22; John 3:5-1

TALK IT OVER

1. What do you think is the most "astonishing" thing about the teachings of Jesus?
2. Is the Christian way practical or impractical?
3. What are the "perils" in closely following Christ?
4. What are the blessings in following Him?
5. Are there any of Christ's teachings that could be eliminated? Name them. Why?
6. What Christian principles should be more emphasized?
7. Name several instances in which the people were astonished, or surprised, at Christ's teaching.
8. If Jesus came into your school or home today do you think you would be astonished by His teaching or His opinion of what He found?

"Lo, I Am With You Always"

Luke 24:36-40, 44-53; Matthew 28:16-20
(Ascension)

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

. To have reassurance of the presence of Christ in our day.
. To know Christ as the Way, in the ght of the fact of the Ascension.
. To have power to witness for Him d do His business.

ook at the Scripture

LUKE 24:36-43. In the intimate details the appearances of the risen Christ to His rest friends, how very clearly the manod of the Master shines forth.

"See my hands, my feet"—(with the flesh unds of the crucifixion nails plainly visle).

"Handle me and see"—(that He was a sh and blood person, not a spirit).

"Have ye anything to eat"—(that in the of sharing, as of old, the broiled fish of ir simple diet, the disciples might see and ow it was the Christ).

"Reach hither thy finger—thy hand"—at by human touch of His body, Thomas ght feel and believe).

Thus it was that Jesus took the simple, ect method of personal contact to conice men of the truth of His bodily resurction. At the end of His earthly ministry, at its beginning, Jesus found an entrance men's hearts and minds through His hunness.

(Recall here the occasion of Jesus' first racle.)

It is this same Christ, "the only Redeemer God's elect, who, being the eternal Son God, became man," Who today claims en's belief and allegiance. Jesus Christ is ll not only the Son of God, but the Son Man.

LUKE 24:50-53. The contrast between e attitude of the disciples after the ascenon and their attitude after the crucifixion one of the greatest living proofs that rist rose from the dead. For the first time en could triumphantly say, "O Death, here is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy ctory?"

"Man has never believed that death is the d. 'Man does not die,' the Indian said, as took his arrows and hunting knives and repared to live again. The old Egyptian reserving the bodies of his friends that eir souls might find them again; the worippers of Confucius, spend their lives prearing for other worlds; the savage and the ientist alike, to the farthest island of the a, have clung to the hope that man shall ve again. Can all creation be wrong?

MATTHEW 28:16-20. Do we believe is? Doubtless most of us accept the fact at, in the words of the Great Commission, hrist lays out His plan for the future life each of these eleven men, His disciples, ho had cast in their lot with Him. Was is a new plan of the risen Christ? or had hrist, from the very beginning in the section and training of these disciples, had is life plan in mind not only for eleven, ut for twelve men? Can we have any

From The Book of Books

M., May 11. New Life in the Living Christ. Gal. 2:16-21.
T., May 12. Christ Indwelling by Faith. Eph. 3:17-19.
W., May 13. Christ Indwelling the Obedient. I John 3:23,24.
T., May 14. A Glorious Mystery. Col. 1:24-29.
F., May 15. Temples of God. II Cor. 6:16.
S., May 16. Seeking Entrance. Rev. 3:20.
Sun., May 17. Topic—"Lo, I Am With You Always," Luke 24:36-40; 44-53; Matt. 28:16-20. (Ascension.)

doubt that Christ's life plan for Judas was the same as His plan for Peter? and James? and John? and the others? Why did not the plan work? Was it the fault of the conditions?

You know the answer to all these questions. For then as now Christ makes life plans for every one of His followers—not easy ways of life, but right ways. But many men, like Judas, discard Christ's plan for their lives and follow their own plan or the devil's.

"I Am"

Jesus did not present His message as dictated by the divine. He said "I am" in such a way as to leave no doubt of His claim to have divine authority. "I am"—"the way," "the door," "the truth," "the life," "the light of the world," "the water of life," "the bread of life," "the vine," "the good shepherd," "the resurrection."

Jesus taught out of His own deep experience, from His own creative thinking. He was a messenger from the presence of the Most High, a seer who saw more deeply than all His fellows into the ways and mind of the Eternal. He was no legalist or mere commentator on other men's words, no matter how revered. He refused to be an interpreter of a law already finally given. In this he stands in greatest contrast to the scribes, claiming always as His authority that of the prophet, never that of the priest. In fact, one supreme difference in the message of Jesus and that of the prophets, for all their points of similarity, is just this: *The subject of Jesus' message is Jesus Himself.* Here is an amazing Man uttering startling words which shocked and thrilled his hearers.

He Reveals God

Carved over the huge mantle in the faculty lounge of the Colorado State College of Education are these arresting words: *Whoso would kindle others must himself glow.* It was the glow of Jesus which sets Him apart from every other person. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . . He was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Jesus was not just another good man talking about God; He was God speaking through the life of the only Good Man. He was not just a Teacher about God but the Revealer of God.

Jesus was, as someone has put it, "the self-expression of God." Therefore, when His disciples ask for a vision of the Father, He simply says, "Look at Me." And when He is praying He can say, quite sincerely, "No one knows the Son except the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we prove our loyalty to Jesus?
2. How can we help others to follow Christ's way?
3. If Jesus had not ascended to be with the Father could we have accepted Him as our Saviour?
4. Why does today's church not observe more generally Ascension Day?
5. Do you live in the daily assurance of Christ's words, "Lo, I am with you alway." If we did, would we have fear?

Shall We Follow Him?

Every person is loyal to something. But much of the suffering in our world is due to the blind loyalty which many people give to leaders who are cruel and evil. Unless tyrants and dictators receive the support of a number of persons they can never obtain the position they desire. Loyalty is too often blind.

But how can we tell which leaders are right? Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Look at the results of a man's work, not at his promises. Is he able really to help those who need help? Or does he appeal to your own selfish wants? This test must be applied even to those who want to tell us about God. Many persons claim great knowledge and profess to do mighty work in God's name. But if we examine their home life, their ways of living, their contributions to the kingdom, we can tell if they are the leaders we should follow.

Proclaim His Way

Jesus sent men all over the then-known world proclaiming the message, "The stone which was set at nought of the builders . . . (has) become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." From Jerusalem to Antioch . . . from Ephesus to Corinth . . . from Athens to Rome . . . the message went flaming on its way. "This is Jesus Christ! Believe on Him and you shall be saved. Reject Him and you shall be lost; for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If you refuse Him, there remains no further sacrifice for sin!"

Young people through the years have been faced with this tremendous decision. This is Jesus Christ! God's envoy to men! The only means of salvation! If any man will confess his sin and humble himself at Jesus' feet, He will forgive him and take that life in His mighty hands and remold and remake it to be like nothing that man ever dreamed it could be. If He is refused, there remains no alternative. It will be a

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Multitudes Believed

Second Topic in a Series on "Jesus Among The People"

Mark 8: 1-13; Luke 5: 18-20

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the second in a series of three on the general subject "Jesus Among The People." It emphasizes belief and acceptance on the part of the people, as contrasted with their astonishment and reluctance, as noted last week. Read over that topic for background and try to keep the continuity of this series. Make this a Bible study meeting as far as possible. Seek out Scripture passages to confirm your beliefs and opinions. Keep clearly in the minds of your society members the fact that Jesus is still among us through the Holy Spirit. He walks and talks with men today. We must ever be aware of this and live accordingly. When Jesus spoke to men in His earthly ministry they were often shocked or amazed. Often, too, they believed and followed forever after. Let this kind of belief and ready acceptance be stressed today. We, too, can become great Christians but it takes a great faith. Christian Endeavor can lead the way. "Build With Christ" is the watchword.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To note the reaction of people to the teachings of Jesus.

2. To learn how better to claim the great victories of faith.

The Scriptures Teach

From cover to cover the Bible teaches of great victories. There are yet new triumphs to achieve. A great soldier of the past wept because he thought there were no more empires to be conquered. This is never true. Today there is the empire of sin to be overcome, the kingdom of selfishness to conquer, the reign of Satan to overthrow. The banner of the Lord must be raised in many quarters and the victories con only be reached by belief in the ability of God to win through us.

The Scripture lesson for today brings two outstanding examples of victory through faith. Well known as the story of the feeding of the multitude with seven loaves and a few fishes may be, we seldom grasp fully the realization of God's great power. He can do again and again the great things He has promised if we only believe. The second portion, brought by Luke, tells us of the crippled man at Capernaum. Let down through the roof into the presence of Jesus, by the faith of his friends, he was healed; he went away rejoicing, and "glorifying God." Here was acceptance of the fact of Christ's power, multitudes believed. Perhaps we might ask or wonder if those who shared in these miracles translated them into their spiritual possibilities to realize what greater things God could do with the souls of men. Did they believe enough to give themselves wholly to Him and His powers, so as to become truly "Sons of God?"

The Saviour Exemplifies

Behind all these glowing teachings we find the convincing example of Christ's own life. He fully supports His every promise or assurance. Today there should be little doubt as to the "workability" of the Christian way — it has been so long proven. Multitudes believe today, at least in part, in the worth of the Christian faith. We give abundant lip service to it. We live in what is called a "Christian Era," and in a nominally "Christian Nation." Yet have we presented to the world a fair picture of what life in Christ really is both as individuals and as a nation? Have we practiced what He exemplified in His life and instructed us likewise to do?

The People Respond

Jesus walks among men today, and will do His mighty works in them still. However, He can only do them through the agency of man. As His followers submit to Him and surrender their wills and their talents so can He conquer. As man responds, God manifests Himself.

Without attempting to judge others should not each young Christian try to determine if he has carried Christ down far enough into his life? Do we expect much from prayer, do we give and serve in a spirit of sacrifice, do we attempt tasks beyond our own strength? These are possible with Christ's help. In short are we responding to His invitation to walk with Him enough to make plans for more service and fidelity to the Church in the days ahead? Multitudes have believed un salvation and unto unspeakable joy ar unsurpassed victory in past days. Dare w too believe?

What we believe matters a great dea If we believe there is a God we behav differently than if we deny it. If we belie He is a God of justice and of providence, changes our lives. All of life is shaped b what we believe. If we accept the assu ance and the promise of the Lord Jesu and give ourselves over into His eterna keeping, then triumphant adventure is our We relate ourselves to the greatest sour of power in the universe. We enter int the abundant life. The most practical wa of life is the Christian way. It is tri and proven and is not found wantin Other ways may appear attractive for time or offer enticing inducements b Christ's way remains the sure one, the on that brings no regrets. What do you thin of the person who admits that the Christia way is right, acknowledges the validity o Christ's claim upon his life, confesses h own sinfulness and inadequacy, yet wh will not surrender to Him? Sometim this type of person will even say, "O wel a person shouldn't get *too* religious. doesn't work in the world today." Is th statement true?

From The Scriptures

M., May 18. A Leper's Faith. Matt. 8:1-4.
T., May 19. A Centurion's Faith. Matt.8:5-13.
W., May 20. The Faith of a Ruler and an Afflicted Woman. Matt. 9:18-26.
T., May 21. The Faith of Two Blind Men. Matt. 9:27-31.
F., May 22. The Faith of a Multitude at Gennesaret. Matt. 14:34-36.
S., May 23. The Faith of a Syrophenician Woman. Matt. 15:21-28.
Sun., May 24. Topic—Multitudes Believed. Mark 8:1-13; Luke 5:18-20.

TALK IT OVER

1. What does it mean to believe in Christ?

2. What does this involve in one's way of life?

3. How can we determine the depth of our belief?

4. Name some fruits, or results, of firm faith in Christ?

5. How is Jesus "among the people" today?

6. Considering all the evidence about us is it easier to believe in Jesus today, or not to believe in Him?

7. Discuss the difference between belief and opinion. Between faith and hope.

8. Who are some of the greatest "believers" in days past? Name the greatest ones you know today.

9. If you were an employer, which would you rather have, an employee of great intelligence or one of great religious belief, or faith?

A SEED THOUGHT

"All of life is shaped by what we believe." Analyze this thought.

" I'm Going to Camp "

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 50:7-15

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aim

1. To see the advantages in a week or wo of camping under Christian aus-ices.

2. To challenge our group to have a rge attendance at camp.

3. To prepare the group for making ie most of the camping experience.

or Your Meeting

Shadow Picture of a Day at Camp. Shad-w pictures are formed by placing a strong ectric spot light back of a sheet or light reen with the action taking place between e spotlight and the screen. The room here the audience sits should be in dark-ss.

A reader at the side may give continuity r the act as it progresses, putting in the tails regarding camp life. A whistle or ick may be used to indicate when light is go on and off. Stage hands must place uipment between scenes while interlocu-r describes camp. On some scenes talking hind screen will accompany the action.

eveille: Cornetist plays "You can't get 'em ." Lanky boy stretches on cot. Has diffi-lty in awakening. Pulls out watch and oks at the time.

orning Exercises: Setting up exercises done hit-and-miss fashion.

lean-up: Girl washes arms, powders nose, mbs hair. Another makes cot-bed with ankets.

orning Watch: Boy sits on floor holding ible so that it silhouettes. He reads and en looks up to meditate.

reakfast: Bell sounds. Group gathers ound table. Grace is sung: "We praise hee for this food, O Lord." Then conver-tion centers on last night's program. One group is razzed about late date; others lk about noise in dormitory. Much using silverware and passing of dishes.

lass Period: Group sits in rows of chairs. eacher stands at desk with pile of books d gives lengthy assignment.

udy Period: Boy and girl sit on floor to udy. They discuss common problems.

hapel: Group gathers by twos and threes d take places in rows of chairs. The dean akes announcements concerning study ours, dorm rules, etc. Then minister leads rvice. Group sings, "My Faith Looks Up Thee." United in silent prayer while anist plays softly. Leader can give a few oughts on consecration.

inner: Group is seated enjoying "beans." uch conversation. Then someone leads oup singing of popular camp songs. (The udience may join in old favorites or unds.)

est Hour: Three girls lounge on cot. They ssip about the campers in typical fashion.

ecreation: Volley ball and baseball can ovide shadow pictures by throwing the ll, swinging the bat and the usual conver-tion (razzing) at such games. Then some-ne suggests it is time for a swim and all e off for such.

Supper: More sedate. Campers are dressed up for evening. Talking about winners of recreation events; dates for the evening, etc. More camp songs may be sung.

Vesper & Evening Service: Group sits in rows. Sings one verse of "Day is Dying in the West." Leader may give several helpful thoughts.

Camp Fire: Group sits in circle on floor. Sings a few quieter songs. Then stands and forms friendship circle. Sings "Taps."

"Day is done, gone the sun
From the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh."

Cornetist echoes "Taps."

(If you desire, lights may go on and couples are seen promenading across stage or if humor is desired, watchman with policeman's cap may turn flashlight on and off promenading couples.)

Camps Are Here to Stay

Camping is no longer on trial. Its values have been clearly established for millions of youth and their parents, who give enthusiastic support to the variety of camps across the country.

Nothing in the history of the Christian church can compare with the modern camp and assembly program. That is has become a vital part of the life of Protestantism in America is witnessed by the fact that more than a half million Protestant youth for a week or more this summer will receive training in living the Christian life.

Camps are sponsored by many organizations. Some are owned and operated by individuals or small corporations and are conducted in a similar way to private schools. National youth serving organizations such as Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, and many others make camps an important part of their program. Health organizations sponsor camps for crippled, tubercular, cardiac, and other afflicted children. Public schools are entering the camping field to such an extent that many believe the most rapid development in camping will be in this area.

Two weeks in camp will provide two to four times as many hours of active program participation as most churches provide in a year. The participation is meaningful, purposeful, and natural. The skills of living well are learned by living—living in a community with the usual problems of most communities but one which is attempting to solve them, under guidance, in a Christian way. The teachings of religion become vivid, meaningful, and valued as they are proved in camp living.

The significant thing about these summer youth gatherings is that they are part of a year-round and long-range program; in these camps and assemblies youth will find guidance for work in their own local churches and communities.

Camp is Calling You

Why some people seem to get the idea that a church camp is "slow," we can't imagine. There's something exciting doing every minute. Church camps not only have all the things that make up any good camp program — swimming instruction, hobbies and crafts, dramatics, archery, nature lore, campfires, stunts, cabin parties, star hikes, and Indian ceremonials — but there is an extra special "plus" which creates a spirit such as we've never felt anywhere else. We can't explain this, but we've always thought it must be something like what the disciples experienced as they came to know God for themselves through intimate companionship with Jesus. Camp, in its friendships and associations with each other and with our fine, full-of-fun Christian counselors, is something like that. To spend two wonderful weeks with such a group of girls and leaders, working together on camp duties, singing, laughing, and playing together in friendly competition, thinking, praying, and worshiping together in Morning Watch, Discovery Group, cabin devotions, and at lovely sunset vespers, makes us want always —in the words of one of our camp songs— to "Live and give our best."

Busy All Day

Camp keeps you busy all the time—but not in the way that school would keep you busy. You're doing stuff here because you like to do it! You have your choice of different kinds of crafts. But there are woodworking, nature study, drawing, beadwork, etc. Sports? Sure; name it and every camp has it.

You ought to get in on a water-basketball game in the pool! Baseball is always good, and if you're the Glenn Cunningham type, you'll get a kick out of the track meet.

You learn a lot about the Bible. And it sticks with you. Vespers each night get under your skin.

Have you ever set for yourself some definite new purposes and made them into a covenant between God and yourself? That's what you do during a quiet vigil following our banquet. As the trumpet plays, "Jesus Calls Us," you file silently into the vesper grove which is lighted only by a ceremonial fire. You can't describe the beauty and inspiration felt as each one seals that covenant by dropping a copy of it into the flames and seeing the light rise even higher, fed by the many new ideals! From this, the vesper leader lights a large candle, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World, passing the light on to the camp director, saying, "Ye are the light of the world."

For Daily Devotions

M., May 18. Unselfish Friendship. Rom. 15:1-3.
T., May 19. Being a Helpful Friend. Prov. 17: 17.
W., May 20. Being Friendly. Prov. 18: 24.
T., May 21. Getting Along With Others. Prov. 22: 1-5.
F., May 22. Doers of the Word. James 1:22- 25.
S., May 23. Worshipping Out-of-Doors. Acts 16:13.
Sun., May 24. Topic—"I'm Going to Camp." Genesis 1:1; Psalm 50:7-15.

Many Received Power

Third Topic in a Series on "Jesus Among The People"

John 1: 12; Acts 2: 41-47

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today the topic is the concluding one in a series of three, "Jesus Among The People." Power is the theme, so power should be generated for a successful meeting. The leader should refer to the two preceding ones both in his preparation and in the conduct of the meeting. Present a unified picture of this series. Point out that when the teaching of Christ was heard, "some were astonished," but "multitudes believed," and "many received power." Strive to have your society repeat the last two results. Gather together a number of illustrations of how God has given power to men. Describe many outstanding men of God, relating their work, their background and difficulties, and their victories. Perhaps you could give this as an assignment in advance to each member. They, too, could be on the lookout for illustrations, and thus appreciate the meeting more. At this season people are inclined to think much about the heroes of war and patriotism. For this meeting turn the thoughts toward the heroes of peace, the heroes of the Cross. These are the truly great ones. Among them are the martyrs and the saints. Strive to show the power of God in action.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To note the reaction of people to the teachings of Jesus.

2. To help realize God's great power, and to share it.

The Scriptures Teach

One of the most glorious promises of the Bible is given in the Scripture lesson tonight. "But as many as received Him, to them *gave He power* to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1: 12). In thinking back over this series of topics, studied now for three weeks, we realize that when the teaching of Jesus Christ reaches a man, many and varied responses are called forth. Some are astonished and dismayed, and resentful; these turn away from Him. But many believe and when they believe deeply, they receive power. In this great promise tonight we are so clearly told that to "receive" Him, or believe Him, is to receive wonder-working power to make one a son of God. What more could a human being desire?

In the second portion of the Scripture we are reminded of the great power that came upon the early Church when they "gladly received His word." They were steadfast in prayer and doctrine, in fellowship and communion. They enjoyed a wonderful communal type of living. Best of all, the Lord "added to the Church daily." They grew in numbers and in power. How God was glorified in them! The Scriptures ever teach that those who call upon the name of the Lord are saved —and that those who are thus called apart are empowered to do that which is not possible for man to do in his own strength. God uses those whom He chooses.

TALK IT OVER

1. What do we mean by spiritual power?

2. How is it manifested?

3. What does Christ promise us about power?

4. What must we contribute in order to become channels through which His power may flow?

5. How may we receive His power?

6. What can we do with such power?

7. Describe the relationship between faith and power.

The Saviour Exemplifies

Throughout His ministry on earth our Lord showed the possession of great power. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He says. (Matthew 28: 18). And He promises to be with us always, "even unto the end." The Apostle Paul caught the spirit of Jesus' message when he exclaimed, "I can do *all things* through Christ which strengtheneth me," (Philippians 4: 13). The gospel story through the ages reveals the wisdom and the might of our Lord. It further reflects how that power can be transmitted to the lives of the faithful.

The People Respond

It is interesting to note the miracles of the past but it is more meaningful to repeat them today. We may apply the ancient truths to our times. We are surrounded by 20th Century illustrations of Christ's work among men. We may find miracles daily at home and abroad. A careful look at the successful work of foreign missions or home missions, a survey of the activities of city mission work, or a study of the field of Christian Youth work w be convincing. The effect of the gos power may be seen today in our own nei borhoods in cases of alcohol or drug ad tion which have been brought under Go control. It may be seen in lives chan from selfishness to sacrificial service, fr sin to joyous righteousness. One must pect great things from God before He w supply them.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Fear kills; faith builds."

How greatly must we desire God's gu ance before He can work such changes us? Does one begin with small service grow into greater? Or is one transform instantly into a spiritual dynamo? Th are basic steps which each one must t before his greatest achievements are po ble. Surely each must first desire a chan life, through a realization of one's own adequacy. This must be followed in log succession by personal surrender to Chr a seeking of His will and a laying hold His power. Many have succeeded in past. Many are invited to share it again

The response of an individual to call of the Master is the beginning o life of practical lasting values. Believe those who say Christianity is impract or unworkable. It is the most practi thing in the world for it works. It c for moral cleanness, which makes for spi ual, mental, and physical health. It mands love and forgiveness, which bu lasting values; hate warps, twists and k It teaches justice and honesty and merc and these make a better world, even w they prepare its citizens for a greater wo in Heaven. These positive virtues bu lasting values and a better order. We ceive power when we trust in Chris power to be better—and being Christ makes us want to use it for the good of This is the reason why Christianity m ultimately triumph over all foes. It the germ of life within itself.

Help From The Bible

M., May 25. Stephen Received Power to Wonders. Acts 6:8

T., May 26. Apostles Received Power to Witness. Acts 4:32

W., May 27. Apostles Received Power to Heal. Acts. 5:12

T., May 28. Paul Received Power to Heal Acts 19:11

F., May 29. Paul Received Power to Preach Rom. 15:17

S., May 30. The Power of Faith. Heb. 11:32

Sun., May 31. Topic—Many Received Power John 1:12; Acts 2:41

Christian V.I.P.'s

Psalm 119:1-4, 9-11; Deuteronomy 31:6-13

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aim

1. To meet people of today's genera-on doing a fine Christian work in our orld.
2. To catch a larger slant at the Chris-an enterprise.
3. To be challenged to do Christ's ork as we become workers of impor-nce in the Church.

o the Leader

Why not present this program as a orld news broadcast, using a microphone ade from cardboard and a broomstick ith a sign WRNS (World Religious News rvice) on it. One or two different ople might be used to describe the men help the newscast idea.

Decorate your room to look like a Hall Fame. Clip pictures from newspapers church publications. Give time for the deavorers to survey these pictures.

he Program "On the Air"

YMN: "Rise Up, O Men of God," or "Are Ye Able?" or "Once to Every Man and Nation."

y Announcer (or leader)

Believing that there are many great ristian leaders alive today who will long remembered in history, *Meet the ople* takes you around the world by radio night to meet really great leaders of the ristian Church—men and women who ve lived lives, done deeds which mark em not as just Germans or Americans or panese; not as Lutherans or Methodists or esbyterians, but as World Christians, ints" of the living Church.

For an introduction to our first "Very Im-rtant Person," we take you to our WRNS dio in New York, ——— reporting.

irst Radio Speaker

For Christian Endeavorers through al-st thirty years a very important person s been *Daniel A. Poling.* Daniel Alfred ling was born in Portland, Oregon, No-mber 30, 1884, of English descent. Grad-ted from Portland High School, he re-ved two degrees from Dallas College, at-ded Lafayette Seminary and Ohio State iversity. Possessing a wonderful physique, worked in his youth, in the great north-st country at lumberjacking, railroading, the steel mills and wheat fields. At col-e he was football captain, boxer, class sident and national indoor diving champ. ce 1916, he has received six honorary de-es from colleges and universities through-t the country.

In 1911 he ran on the Prohibition Party ket for Governor of Ohio. Ten years later was in an automobile accident, receiving roken back, two fractured hips and three ashed ribs—which would have killed the rage person, but instead of dying, he led the doctors and during his convа-cence he began writing his first novel. ce then he has written fifteen books, in-ding five novels. He also is Editor-in-Chief of *Christian Herald.* During World War I he saw service in France with the Y.M.C.A., was severely gassed and received acknowledgement from the Secretary of War. In 1906 he was ordained by the Evangelical Association, and has held three pastorates since: Canton, Ohio; New York City at Marble Collegiate Church; and the famous Baptist Temple in Philadelphia.

For 25 years Dr. Poling was president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. He has been head of the World's C. E. Union since 1927. He has traveled over two million miles. He believes that ultimately the Protestant churches will unite. He says he will never retire, quote: "Perhaps I have undertaken too much in life—and perhaps that fact will shorten my days. I know that. But I leave no regrets. I would choose a full life regardless."

Scripture Rations

M., May 25. Earthly Honor Is Vain. Psalm 49:6-12.
T., May 26. Selfiish Ambition Rebuked. Matt. 20:20-28.
W., May 27. Righteousness: the Basis of Greatness. Matt. 5:17-20.
T., May 28. True Greatness in Christian Service. Matt. 21:8-12.
F., May 29. True Greatness Brings Joy. Luke 1:13-16.
S., May 30. None Can Compare with Christ. John 8:51, 58.
Sun., May 31. Topic—Christian V.I.P.'s. Psalm 119:1-4, 9-11; Deut. 31:6-13.

Second Radio Speaker

"Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

A gray-haired, elderly gentleman stepped off the Queen Mary at the East River docks, having just returned from London after his 187th crossing of the Atlantic. That man, who has probably seen more of the world than any person alive, was *Dr. John R. Mott,* father of world churchmen.

Perhaps you want to know more of this eighty-eight-year-old man who has 18 times circled the globe and who has been in over 83 countries. This is the man who founded the Y.M.C.A. in over 40 countries, organized the World Student Christian Federation, and laid much of the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

John R. Mott was just like any other boy in his home town of Postville, Iowa. He liked trains, sledding, and unbolting wheels from the near-by farmers' wagons. He attended college in Fayette, Iowa, and then Cornell, planning to go into law or his father's lumber business. But three short sentences, spoken at a campus religious meeting one afternoon, turned the course of his whole life. Those three sentences were: "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Third Radio Speaker

Toyohiko Kagawa has given his life to the spreading of Christianity in Japan. His method isn't just to read the Bible or preach a sermon; it is to live among the people, his every act and every word reflecting a Christlike attitude.

When a beggar asked for his shirt one day, Kagawa gave it to him. The next day the same man demanded other articles of clothing. Kagawa immediately handed them over. This left him with only a ragged kimono, but he wore it and attended classes at the theological seminary.

Since then the life of Kagawa has been dedicated to serving his country and his God. No job has been too lowly for him to undertake in order to earn money with which to help others.

A chimney sweep at one time, Kagawa became the author of more than sixty books. He lectured all over the world. He was elected to the Japanese House of Commons. He was appointed to the Imperial Relief Committee at the time of the earthquake in Tokyo and Yokohama. He launched the kindom-of-God movement to unite Christian forces in Japan.

Fourth Radio Speaker

There are many V.I.P.'s in the Christian Church today. We can only name a few of them.

Frank Laubach (pronounced law-bach). An educational missionary who has given his life to the cause of literacy. He has produced simplified picture charts with parallel words and syllables. His idea is that each person who learns to read should teach one other the same skill.

Martin Niemoeller. You probably remember the newspaper accounts of this German minister who became Hitler's "personal prisoner," but there is more to the story than the newspapers revealed. Threatened constantly from 1934 to 1937, Niemoeller continued to proclaim the Lordship of Christ, even above the "lordship" of the Nazi party. Warned time after time by the Gestapo to cease his criticism of the State, he preached on, constantly organizing the loyal Christians into secret organizations.

After his arrest in 1937, it became clear to Hitler that the murder of Niemoeller would cause a revolt in the German Confessional Church. So Niemoeller was placed in concentration camps for eight years, four of which were in solitary confinement.

Announcer: Yes, there are great living Christians today, doing great jobs. But we, too, have jobs to do. And just as these men are famous now for the jobs they are doing, so we must be aware that we are daily influencing others. Our classrooms, our circles of friends, our daily contacts—these are our fields of service. As we stand up for what we believe, forget ourselves, and become instruments of God's, we will join with the Motts, Kagawas, and Niemoellers as "Very Important Persons" for Christ.

HYMN—Marching With the Heroes.

TO SERVE IN AFRICA

Rev. and Mrs. John F. Little To Be Missionaries in Liberia

Rev. John F. Little and his wife sailed from New Orleans, Louisiana, February 20, for Africa where they will be missionaries in Liberia.

Rev. J. F. Little

Mr. Little has been youth director of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years and has been a leader in Christian Endeavor. He was a conference leader at the International Conventions in Toronto and Grand Rapids and was a delegate to the World's Convention in London, England, in 1950. He recently had a pastorate in Braddock, Pennsylvania.

The address of the Littles will be P. O. 161, Episcopal Residence, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

INTERMEDIATE-May 17

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rejection of light for darkness, of healing for pain, of unselfish devotion for selfish self-expression, of harmonious and ordered living for years of unfruitful existence.

He is the Way

To those who are confused and lost, frustrated and distraught, He still is the Way. To those who seek spiritual reality, whose hearts and minds reach out for mental and spiritual satisfaction, He still is the Truth. For those who are withered and dying, without purpose or reason for living, He still is the Life. From His hands and His heart still flow love, tenderness, and mercy. To all who believe and confess and ask, He still gives of His healing, of His love, of His mercy, of His salvation. This is the Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS
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Topics for May

May 3. **Women of the Early Church.** Phil. 4:3; Rom. 16:1, 2, 3, 6.

May 10. **Living the Golden Rule at Home.** Prov. 15:20; Matt. 7:12.

May 17. **Living the Golden Rule in My Neighborhood.** Rom. 15:1, 2; James 2:8.

May 24. **Who Are My Neighbors?** Luke 11:25-37.

May 31. **A Leader Prepares.** II Tim. 2:19-26.

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SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE-May 3

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an active church worker, a generous giver, and a perfect example of stewardship and Christian living. His business is often set aside in order to serve God in speaking to youth or doing a good deed in some way. Is he pleasing God enough? Would he be better as a minister?

Miss J. is a teacher in a public school and an outstanding Christian. It is against the rules of the school to teach religion on its grounds but she openly reads the Bible to her pupils, has grace at lunch time, and teaches religious choruses. Is she doing right or wrong?

Mr. Russ is a fine Bible student, a good preacher, and a consecrated Christian leader. His vocation is teaching in a prison. Can God successfully use him there, or are his talents being wasted?

The Rev. M. was a humble minister who preferred to preach in the small, insignificant churches that many clergyman would try to avoid. Was his work important or could he have bettered himself? Should he have chosen larger groups to whom to witness?

Clarence was studying for full-time Christian work but the war interrupted his plans. He now operates a gas station. Has he done right?

Here Am I!

Having heard and discussed what others have done, or should have done, what is your plan?

Are you planning your career or vocation completely on your own or are you seeking God's help? Dare to say — "Thy will be done — cost what it may." If you follow God's plan for your life, it will cost you money, time, friends, family, or other "thought-to-be" happiness.

If you want God to use you prepare yourself and place yourself where He can find you. Would you dare to flee from God if He called you? Would you dare to answer, "Here am I; send me"?

BROOKLYN HOLDS INSTITUTE

Brooklyn C. E. Union conducted an institute three Sunday afternoons in March with New York State leaders in charge. The finals session was a missionary tea with the subject for discussion, "Our Puerto Rican Neighbors."

Why not send the president of your society or union to the Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27?

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YOUTH WITH A PURPOSE

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nces for Junior leaders will be held ach morning.

School" A Feature

One of the features of the convention vill be the "school" which will be in ession daily Tuesday through Saturay. There will be two periods each ay with many classes in Bible study, vangelism, citizenship, and various ethods of Christian Endeavor work resented by some of the ablest leadrs in the United States and Canada. Quiet Hour will be conducted at ie start of the day. Dr. Clyde W. leadows will speak on Tuesday and Vednesday with Dr. Daniel A. Poling iving the message Thursday and Friay. A morning general assembly will e a feature.

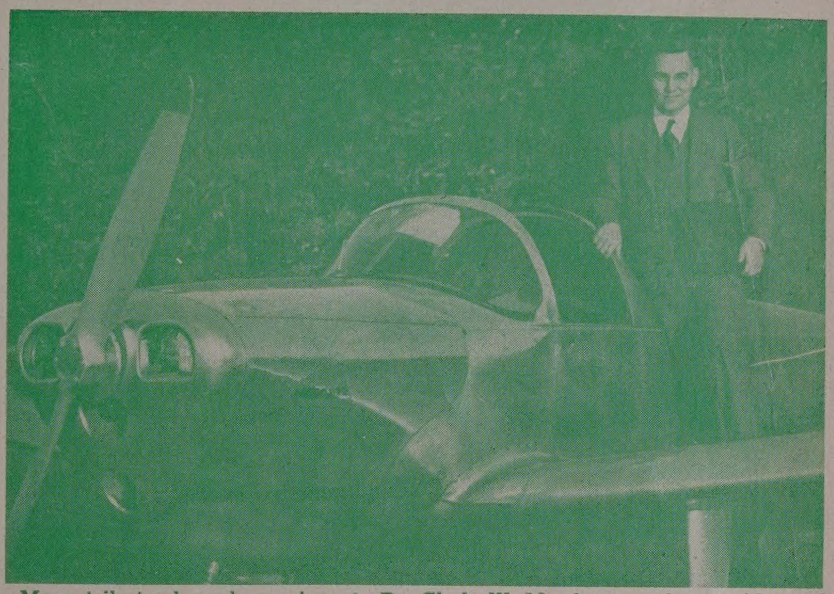
Many luncheons and dinners are lanned. There will be luncheon ssions for union leaders, the Youth ssembly, and for those interested in issions and vocations. Denominational and state luncheons will also be nducted.

The keynote address will be given President Ernest R. Bryan Monday rening. Dr. Louis H. Evans of Hollyood, California, minister-at-large of e Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. will eak Wednesday evening. At the hursday mass meeting Governor heodore R. McKeldin of Maryland ill be presented with International outh's Distinguished Service Citaon. He will address the convention Christian Citizenship. Friday night e fellowship banquet will be held ith youth speakers. The closing ssion Saturday night will be addressby Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president the World's Christian Endeavor nion.

A number of societies and unions are ving special travel clubs and saving oney each week in order to get to nver. The King Street United ethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennvania, is expecting to charter a bus take many of their youth. Indiana planning a special coach on a train. ny automobile caravans are being anged by unions.

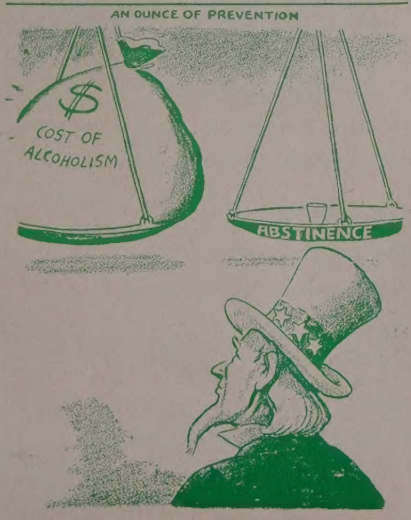
International's Fellowship Tour held connection with the convention will ve Philadelphia June 19. This will under the direction of J. Allen cker. On the way to the convention ny interesting places will be visited, luding Rocky Mountain National rk. Following the Denver meetings tour party will go to Sun Valley d Yellowstone National Park. Details of the tour may be secured m the Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, or from J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania.

Honors Come To C.E.'s "Flying Parson"



Many tributes have been given to Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, a vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, on his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Meadows, who is chairman of the Program Committee for the International Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27, and his wife, have been given a trip to Palestine by King Street congregation. Dr. and Mrs. Meadows plan to visit Christian Endeavor groups around the world when they make the trip, which will probably be in the spring of 1954. Dr. Meadows' fast growing Sunday school recently took second honors in a nation-wide attendance contest with nearly 1,600 schools competing. Dr. Meadows is shown getting into his plane to fly to a Christian Endeavor meeting. He has been flying for a good number of years and is able to take many appointments because of the fast, convenient means of transportation.

Have you registered for the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention?



CONDUCT GRADUATION

Graduation exercises were held by the societies of Ridgewood Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., February 8. Elizabeth Masarech, headquarters' secretary of the New York State C. E. Union, conducted the installation service.

TAKES HONORS

Honors have been coming to Jane Sturgeon, president of the Christian Endeavor Society of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Compton, California, recently. She has been named Miss Campus Rose at Compton College and 1953 Honor Girl of Alpha Beta chapter of Nu Phi Mu sorority.

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